it third reading, ayes 30, nays 1. Mr. Flythe voted in the negative. Mr. Warren and Mr. King were excused

from voting.

The convention bill was discussed by Messrs. Warren, Dargan, Robbins, of Rowan,

Bill made special order for Monday. Mr. Warren wanted to get rid of the pres ent judiciary.

Mr. Dargan wanted to get rid of the code. This was a question of head and neck with him. He never wanted to hear anybody

speak again of the "development of our re-Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, thought every thing would be very harmonious if the Re publicans would vote with the Conserva-

Mr. Cook had introduced the bill, and therefore would speak in its defence, though he did not like some of its provisions.

Mr. Price made an eloquent and thrilling speech in opposition to the bill. Gentlemen had taught colored men to distrust their promises. During the carvass they had promised not to interfere with suffrage. — They had interfered with it already in every municipality in the State. He was opposed to this measure because in the present impoverished condition of the State the people were not prepared to assume an additional burden, and a fair vote could not be had. His people would be driven from the polls by the Kuklux as they were at the last election. Adjourned.

SENATE. MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1870. The Senate met at 10 o'clock.

Prayer by Senator Norment. President in the Chair. Journal of Saturday read and approved. Mr. Merrimon called attention to the fact that his vote on the 17th was correctly recorded in the Clerk's report, but incorrectly

reported by us. Bill for the relief of the Sheriff of Watauga was taken up and passed its several readings without opposition. Yeas 39, nays

Mr. Norment from the Conference Committee, reported that the Committee recommend concurrence in House bill on per diem and mileage. The Senate refused to concur, ayes 17, nays 26.

Mr. Gilmer moved the appointment of another committee.

Pending action, the Convention bill was

taken up.

Mr. Olds said he was opposed to this bill upon Constitutional grounds. The Constitution knows of but two modes of amendment, one is by Convention which in its very nature is unrestricted. The other is by legislative action to be submitted to the people. This Constitutional provision is evaded in this bill. He was opposed to it because it was introduced in dangerous times, when the people are excited and fearful of revolution. He was opposed to it because of the enormity of its details.

Mr. Lehman disagreed from the Senator from Wake. He objected to the bill not for the reasons urged, but because he considered it untimely and unnecessary.

Mr. Robbins of Rowan thought the time too short. Show would be kneedeep in the mountains, and the people could not get to more time for deliberation, and he moved to insert March. Withdrawn.

Mr. Brogden gave a full and luminous exposition of the bill, of the motives which led to it, of the history of the party which fathers it, and of the disastrous results which

will follow its passage.

The previous question having been ordered, and the question being on the passage of the bill on its third reading.

The chair considered that it would take

a two thirds vote to pass the bill, and sub mitted that question as preliminary. The letter of the Constitution requiring two-thirds majority to call a Convention, as many Senators as are of opinion that a bare majority can authorize the people to call a Convention will make it known by saying aye; as many as of the contrary opinion will

say no.

The Senate voted that it required only a majority vote.

Those voting in the affirmative are-Messrs. Adams, Albright, Cook, Council, Cowles, Crowell, Currie, Dargan, Flemming, Gilmer, Graham, Jones, Linney, Love, Manney Mc-Clammy, Merrimon, Morehead, Murphy, Robbins, of Davidson, Robbins, of Rowan, Skinner, Speed, Troy, Waddell, Warren, Whitesides and Worth-28.

Those voting in the negative are-Messrs. Barnett, Beasley, Bellamy, Brogden, Eppes, Flythe, Hyman, King, Lehman, McCotter, Moore, Price-12.

The Senate decided adversely to the opinof the Chair, and the President having conscientious objections to giving his official sanction to what he deemed an unconstitutional act, called to the chair Mr. Warren, who had no scruples on this question. The vote on the final passage of the bill was then taken and stood thus:

Those who voted in the affirmative are: Messrs. Adams, Albright, Battle, Cook, Council, Crowell, Dargan, Fleming, Gilmer, Graham, Jones, Ledbetter, Linney, Love, Mauney, McClammy, Merrimon, Murphy, Norment, Robbins, of Davidson, Robbins, of Rowan, Skinner, Speed. Troy, Waddell, Warren, Whitesides, Worth -28.

Those voting in the negative are: Messrs, Barnett, Beasley, Bellamy, Brogden, Cowles, Eppes, Flythe, Hyman, King, Lehman, McCotter, Moore, Morehead, Price

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Adjourned till 74 P. M.

MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1870.

The House met at 10, a. m. Speaker in the Chair. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Grayson, of the House Mr. Marier obtained leave to change his vote from the negative to the affirmative on

the vote to concur in Senate amendments to the bill fixing per diem, &c. The chairman of the committee on Privi-leges and Elections reported back the bill concerning the representative from Bladen, and asked to be discharged from its further consideration. Discharged.

Mr. Clinard introduced a resolution providing for night sessions. Calendar.

Mr. Brooks introduced a bill to empower the Board of Commissioners of Brunswick

to fill vacancies in their Board. Committee on Counties, &c. Mr. Duckworth introduced a bill in relation to assault and battery. [That the

Grand Jury shall present no one unless deadly weapons are used, &c.] Judiciary Committee. Mr. McAfee obtained leave of absence for

Mr. Martin introduced a bill to authorize Public Treasurer to loan from the special tax fund in the Treasury the sum of \$150. 000, &c. Finance Committee.

Mr. McNeil introduced a bill concerning

N. J. Brown, Executor of Reuben King, of Robeson county, Propositions and Griev-Mr. Garrison, of Polk, obtained leave of

absence from Wednesday till 11th of Jan-Mr. Womack from Wednesday till 18th

of January. ... Mr. Collis from Thursday till 1st of Janmr. Parrott from Wednesday till 12th of January.

Mr. Willis from Friday till 11th of January.

Mr. Hardy ditto. Mr. Ashe introduced a bill regulating the appointment of guardians, ad litem. Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Justice introduced a resolution to re-uest Congress to allow citizens of this State o distill grain under the same regulations that apply to fruit Calendar.

Mr. Lassiter introduced a bill to mak Deep River a lawful fence at a certain place in Raudolph County. Propositions and

Grievances.

Mr. Robbinson introduced a resolution is relation to stationery. Calendar Mr. Hill a resolution preventing member absent without leave, or overstaying leave, from receiving per diem. Calendar.

Mr. Dudly obtained leave of absence from Friday till 11th of January.

Mr. Hardy introduced a resolution to re-

store the credit of the State. [Providing to a committee to confer with creditors of the State to effect a compromise.] Calendar,
Mr. Martin, from the Committee of Con ference on per diem, reported in favor of the

House bill as originally passed, allowing \$5 per diem and 20 cents mileage, and \$6 to Mr. Sparrow moved that the House conc in the report of the committee. On this motion, Mr. Robinson called for

he yeas and nays. The call was sustained. Mr. Crawford strongly opposed the adop-tion of the report. Thought four dollars per day amply sufficient to provide for the wants of members. He had received letters and a telegram from his constituents warning him not to vote for more than four dol-

lars; therefore he was opposed to concur-

Mr. Martin thought if the gentleman (Mr. Crawford) was to be governed by letters and telegrams from his friends, he would have a hard road to travel, as a representative. A rejection of this report would be legislation against the poor representatives in the House. When Gaston as a repre-sentative at \$3 per day, remember that he had men like some that are now scatted on this floor, working his farm and making his meat and bread. There were many poor men here, and they could not live in Raleigh on four dollars per day. He was in favor of five dollars, and would not be dictated to by the Senate, and would not recede from hi position. Some of his friends had urged him not to vote for five dollars, as that, if carried, would perhaps kill the bill to call a Convention, as the bill provided that nembers of the Convention should receive

he same pay as this body. Mr. Marler was in favor of low pay as he was in favor of retrenchment, &c. He could not vote to reduce the fees of other county and State officers unless he voted to reduce

his own pay.

Mr. Sparrow understood that the Senat ad already refused to concur in the report under consideration; therefore debate wa unnecessary, and he hoped the House would

desist from this disgusting scene. The vote on concurrence in the repor hen resulted in the negative as follows: YEAS-Messrs. Broadfoot, Bryan, of Jones Bunn, Buxton, Cawthorne, Chamberiaia, Collis, Copeland, Dudiey, Ellison, Faulkner, Fletcher, Garrison, Gatling, Goodwyn, Gul lick, Gregory, Harris, of Franklin, Hargrove, Hardy, Henderson, Johnson, of Edgecombe, Jones, of Northampton, Justice, Lyon, Martin, Mabson, Morgan, of Montgomery, New-some, Page, Parrott, Reavis, Reid, Regan Robbins, Smith, of Wayne, Stanford, Stew-art, Sykes, Tucker, Waring, Willis, Wilcox,

Young, of Wake-44. NAYS - Messrs. Anderson, Armstrong, Atwater, Brooks, Bryson, Carson, Clinard, Crawford, Currie, Dickey, Duckworth, Dunham, Furr, Gambrel, Grayson, Hampton the polls Besides that the people needed | Harris, of Guilford, Houston Hill Johnston of Edgecombe, Johns, Jones, of Caldwell Joyner, of Johnston, Jordan, Kelly, of Moore, Kelsey, Lassiter, Marler, Maxwell, McAlee, McCauley, McNeill, Morris, Mills Mitchell, Nicholson, Nisson, Phillips Powell Rankin, Robinson, Scott, Settle, Shull, Smith, of Anson, Smith, of Halifax, Strud-wick, Tomlinson, Welch, Womack, York-

Mr. Dunham introduced a bill fixing mileage and per diem. [President and Speaker \$7, members \$4, Clerks and Door-keepers \$5, 15 cents mileage.] Calendar. A Senate resolution to provide for a recess of the General Assembly from and after December 20th to 11th of January, 1871,

was taken up as special order.

Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, moved to
postpone consideration of the same till Wednesday next at 12 o'clock.

Mr. Justice opposed this motion. He could not understand why the Conservative mem bers of the House wanted to postpone the resolution. He knew that they were going to take a recess, and had resolved so to do in caucus. Why not come out and vote for it now. He was opposed to their legislation in the dark "

The motion to postpone was then carried by a vote of yeas 49, nays 45. Leave of absence was granted Mr. Hardy for 20 days. To Mr. Tucker from Thursday till 11th January. Mr. Sparrow moved that another Commit

tee of Conference be requested of the Sen ate, to consider the question of per diem. After protracted free, funny and farcical discussion, the motion prevailed.

Mr. Scott, from the Committee appointed to prepare articles for the impeachment of His Excellency, the Governor, submitted a report embracing a series of articles con cerning the action of His Excellency, W. W Holden, in calling out troops to invade the Counties of Alamance and Caswell &c., to put down insurrection, and impeaching the Governor of high crimes and misdemeanors in so doing. The articles elaborately recite the arrests &c., made by the State troops in the months of June, July and August, de

claring the same to have been illegal and prompted by corrupt and wicked motives. The papers are so voluminous that we cannot present them to our readers in to-day's issue. They will appear to morrow verba tim. - ED.]
Mr. Welch then introduced a resolution to go into Commitiee of the Whole for the pur-

pose of considering the articles of impeach ment, and to nominate by ballot a board of seven managers. Adopted. Mr. Strudwick was called to the chair.

The House now being in Committee of th Mr. Welch moved that the House proceed to take up and consider the articles of im

peachment. The motion prevailed The clerk then read the first article, im peaching His Excellency for high crimes and misdemeanors in sending troops to the county of Alamance, which was adopted by a vote of yeas 43, navs 30-the vote being

taken by count. The 2d, 3d, 4th and 5th articles, (of a minor sature) were adopted. Mr. Mabson moved that the committee ise and report progress.

The motion was rejected. The 6th, 7th, and 8th articles [impeach ing the Governor for signing warrants on the Treasury for the payment of troops] were adopted.

The articles, a whole, were adopted. Mr. Jarvis offered a resolution to proceed o elect seven managers to conduct the im peachment before the bar of the Senate, and conterring on said committee power to as-sociate with them "seven other persons learned

in the law." Mr. Phillips. Is there any precedent for such action as this? Mr. Sparrow. Yes, sir, it was done in the case of President Johnson.

Mr. Phillips. I, sir, thought that there had never been a case in which gentlemen of the bar had been called to aid in con-

ducting a case of impeachment. The resolution was then adopted. Mr. Robinson placed in nomination Messrs. Sparrow, Gregory, Dunham, Welch,

Johnston of Buncombe, Scott and Broadfoot to constitute the committee of seven to conduct impeachment at the bar of the

The Committee then proceeded to vote by ballot, and the members nominated were feeted. On motion of Mr. Sparrow the co then rose and reported progress, and asked to be discharge i, through Mr. Stradwick, the chairman.

the report, Mr. Hargrove said that he rose for the purpose of making some remarks on the manner of proceeding in electing by ballot a committee of seven. The Constitution provides that all elections by the people shall be by ballot and all elections by the General Assembly viva voce. In order to make the election had in the committee valid, the House must reelect the committee viva voca

The question being on the adoption of

-otherwise it would be an illegal election Mr. Strudwick thought it was only necessary for the House to adopt the report of the committee in order to confirm the election of the committee.

Mr. Hargrove said his understanding of

the Constitution was that all elections by the General Assembly must be viva voce. Mr. Welch. Does the gentleman think that this House is the General Assembly.

Mr. Hargrove. No sir, but it is a part of
the General Assembly, and all laws relating
to the government of the General Assembly apply to this House. If you simply concur in this report you only adopt a report and do not elect as required by the constitution. Mr. Justice. I would like to understand if these hawyers that are to be called in are to receive such fees as lawyers generally

The Speaker. All of this business come wit in the jurisdiction of the House. They can arrange it as they think best. Mr. Mabson. Mr. Speaker, can this report

be amended? The Speaker. This is a report. The Chair is of the opinion that it cannot be amended. The question recurring on the adoption o

he report, Mr. Justice called for the yeas and nays The call being sustained, the report of the Committee was adopted by the following

YEAS-Messrs, Anderson, Armstrong, Ashe, Atwater, Broadfoot, Bryson, Chamberlain, Clinard, Crawford, Currie, Dunham, Furr, Gambrel, Gullick, Grayson, Gre-gory, Hampton, Houston, Hill, Johnston, of Buncombe, Jones, of Caldwell, Joyner, of Johnston, Jordan, Kelly, of Davie, Kelly, of Moore, Kelsey, Kincaid, Lassiter, Mar-ler, Maxwell, McAfee, McNeill, Mills, Mitchell, Nicholson, Powell, Rankin, Reid, Regan, Robinson, Scott, Shull, Smith of Anson, Smith of Wayne, Sparrow, Stanford, Stew-art. Strudwick, Tomlinson, Waring, Welch

Wilcox, and Womack-53. NAYS-Messrs, Brooks, Bryant, of Halifax, Bryan, of Jones, Bunn, Buxton, Cawthorne, Carson, Collis, Copeland, Dudley, Duck-worth, Ellison, Faulkner, Fisher, Fletcher Gatling, Goodwyn, Harris, of Franklin, Harris, of Guilford, Johnson, of Edgecombe, Jones, of Northampton, Justice, Lyon, Mabson, Morris, Morgan, of Montgomery, New-some, Nisson, Page, Parrott, Phillips, Rea-vis, Robbins, Smith, of Halifax, Tucker, Willis, Young, of Wake, York-38.

On motion of Mr. Johnston of Buncombe, the House agreed to hold a night session beginning at a quarter after seven o'colck. The House then adjourned.

MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1870.

Prior to putting the snain question, he President said: Before the Chair submits the main ques tion, he desires to present a preliminary question for the consideration of the Senate. If the Senate does not agree with the Chair, the Chair desires that some Senator should

take the Chair after the opinion of the Sen ate is announced. The Chair called the attention of the Senate to Article XIII, section 1, of the Consti tution, which is as follows:

"No Convention of the people shall be called by the General Assembly unless by the concurrence of two-thirds of all the members of each House of the General As-

sembly." The Chair remembers that be called the attention of some Senators to this provision of the Constitution, in order that they might take the matter under consideration. The chair is of the opinion that the Legislature have the right to submit to the people the question whether they will have a Convenion or not. But the law is that, under the Constitution the General Assembly of North Carolina cannot call a Convention without the assent of two-thirds in each House, of all the members elect to the General Assembly. There is no provision in the Constitu tion, as the Chair sees, for submitting to the peop e the question whether they will call a Convention or not. This Senate is therefore, in the opinion of the Chair, presenting to the people a question, which they have no constitutional authority to decide. If it has, the Chair is of opinion that there must for this be a two thirds vote. The Chair therefore will submit the question to the Senate, whether this Legislature has the right, by a bare majority, to submit this question to the people. If they so decide, then the Chair, feeling that he has taken the obligation of an eath to support the Constitation, and being convinced in his own judgment that less than two-thirds cannot submit this question to the people, he will call some Senator to the Chair, who has no conscientious scruples upon the subject.

Senate met at 7 30 P. M. Mr. Warren in the Chair.

On motion of Mr. Graham the rules were uspended to take up certain bills, where

A bill amending the charter of the city o Raleigh was put upon its passage.

This bill provides for ninety days residence and a registration. The register books will be closed ten days before election, and no person can vote whose name is not on

the books. Bill passed its third reading, ayes 27.

A House message was received announcing that the House had elected a board of man-agers to impeach W. W. Holden, Governor of North Carolina, and that the committee will bring articles to the Senate when it is the pleasure of the Senate to receive them. On motion of Mr. Jones the Senate voted to send a message to the House, that the Senate will receive the committee with articles of impeachment to morrow at 11 o'clock. A bill for the better regulation of Elizabeth City was taken up. The bill being amended so that Mayor and Commissioners must be six month's resident, and the voters three month's resident, and not in arrears for taxes, then passed its third reading, ayes 37,

navs 9. The bill abolishing the Board of Directors of the Deaf Dumb and Blind Asylum, and giving the power to a Board of Trustees was

Mr. Gilmer was opposed to its hasty pas-sage, as these Trustees would hold their office

Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, said that the only way to get rid of the present board is by hishing the office, a set of carpet-baggers that have been foisted in there. The object is to get rid of them and get in a set of our own people,

The gentlemen named in the bill are W

H. McKee, J. R. Williams, R. S. Tucker, R. W. Best, A. S. Merrimon, and John C. Palmgentlemen for life, and moved to postpone

ill the 20th day of January, Mr. Robbins, of Davidson, moved the indefinite of the bill. The sole purpose is to get rid of these new men that have been foisted in there, and almost ruined the insti-

tution They have been paying the travel-

and New York and other places, our hundrable James Harris and others.

Mr. Dargan said that the Senator from Rowan had enggested that the old directors had been put out by the reconstruction acts, and these are the very men that he, Mr. Dargan, wanted to put back. For this reason he would vote for the oill.

Mr. Brogden had no objection to any one

Mr. Brogden had no objection to any one of these gentlemen, but he would offer an amendment providing that said Board of Trustees shall hold their office till the first lay of Jan. 1878, and until their successors

are chosen. Adopted.

Mr. Speed wanted the bill printed.
had never heard of it before. Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, said he wanted some honest men in there.

The bill passed its third reading, ayes 29.

Mr. Love voted nay.

Bill on salaries and fees was taken up. A very interesting discussion followed pon the motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill was so amended as to make the salary of the Superintendent of public schools \$1,500. The Senate refused to reconsider, ayes 10, nays 21. The bill authorizing commissioners of

Orange to levy a special tax passed its 2nd reading, ayes 25, nays Mr. Hyman. Senate adjourned.

December, 20, 1870.

Senate met at 10 o'clock. President in the chair. Prayer by Senator Norment. Journal of yesterday read and approved. Mr. Olds asked to have his vote record

ed in the negative on the Convention bill Granted. In response to the House message asking the appointment of a joint conference com mittee on the subject of mileage and per diem, the chair appointed Mesers. Speed and Dargan as the Senate branch of said com-

The House being expected in a body and the Senate prepared for its reception. Mr. Merrimon presented a memorial in reference to the W. N. R. R. Calendar.

Mr. Murphy asked the Senate to take up the bill to repeal the act extending the cor porate limits of the town of Goldsboro'. Mr. Brogden thought this bill could no pass without debate, and opposed the mo

Senate voted to take up the bill, ayes 27,

Mr. Murphy moved to limit the discussion to ten minutes. Mr. Brogden protested against the m The Chair was inclined to think that

ew rule could not be a sopted without no Mr. Murphy moved the previous question By some means which the reporter did not note, Mr. Brogdon got the floor, and made an eloqueot defence of his constituents. This bill would cut off a large number of poor men who could not afford to live in the

eart of the tewn, from voting, although they worked on the roads and labored in The House Committee, accompanied by the entire House, now entered, and the Sen ate rose to receive them. Door KEEPER.-Mr. President, a com-

mittee of the House of Representatives.

CHAIR.—Invite the Honorable Committee o come forward. The members of the House of Representatives will, so many as can get seats, please be seated to the right of the chair.

The House being seated, the Chair said

The Senate will now hear the message of the House of Representatives. The committee standing, their chairman

MR, PRESIDENT-We, the managers of the House of Representatives, are a committee empowered to bring to the Senate and deliver to you, it being your desire now to receive them, ARTICLES OF IMPEACHMENT against WILLIAM W. HOLDEN, Governor of North Carolina, and we do so deliver said articles in the name of the people of North Carolina, and do demand that the Senate

take order thereon. The Lieutenant Governor responded : The President of the Senate, in behalf of the Senate receives the articles of impeach ment in behalf of the House. The Door Keeper will make proclamation.

The Door Keeper then, under the instruc-tion of the Lieut, Governor, made the follow ing proclamation:
"O yes, O yes, O yes!-all persons ar commanded to keep silence, on pain of im prisonment, while the House of Representa-

tives gives to the Senate, Articles of Im peachment against W. W. Holden, Governor CHAIR: The Articles of Impeachmen will now be read by the Clerk. The articles having been read, the Lieut.

Governor said: Gentlemen, Managers, and Members of the House of Representatives: Articles of Impeachment having been exhibited in the Sen ate against W. W. Holden, Governor of North Carolina, it becomes my duty as pre-siding officer of the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate will take proper order on the subject of Impeach ment, of which due notice will be given to

the House of Representatives. The House then withdrew and Lieut Governor said : SENATORS :- It now becomes by duty, nder the Constitution and laws of the State, to retire from the time being from this chair as your presiding officer, to take charge o another department of the government. Allow me, Senators, before I retire, to return to you, individually and as a body, my un-feigned thanks for the courtesy, kindness,

extended to my efforts as your presiding officer. The Senate will now proceed to elect a Speaker, pro tem., of the Senate. Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, said: Senators, I move that the Senator from Anson be temporarily called to the Chair. The motion vas carried.

and consider tion which you have always

Mr. Dargan took the Chafr. Motions for President ad interim being in order, Mr. Robbins, of Rowan, nominated

Mr Warren. Mr. Gilmer nominated Mr. Graham. Mr. Troy nominated Mr. Dargan. Mr. Eppes nominated Mr. Brogden. Mr. Worth nominated W. W. Robbins. The vote being taken, Mr. Warren receiv-

d 36 votes, Mr. Graham 4, Mr. Dargan 1 Mr. Brogden 1. Mr. Warren having been conducted to the chair thanked the Senate for the compli-

After protracted deliberation, the Sen ate voted that the Chief Justice be requested to appear in the Senate on Friday to oranize the Court, ayes 24, nays 18.

Articles of impeachment were ordered to ganize be printed.

Bill to repeal the act extending the limits of the town of Goldshoro was then taken Mr. Olds moved to amend by striking out ninety days as a qualification for voters, and

nsert thirty. The amendment was rejected The whole power of registration is put in the hands of one man, who is named in the bill.

The bill then passed its final reading, veas 21. navs 9. Bill in respect to special tax money was then taken up. Mr. Jones presented a substitute, authorizing the use of \$200,000 of special tax money in the following mode: Adopted. The board of managers then appeared be-fore the Speaker, and received the articles of impeachment; and the "Conservative" for general government uses \$150,000; for the insane asylum, \$20,000; for the institu-tion for the deaf, dumb and blind, \$15,000; for the penitentiary, \$15,000. The bill au-

the credit of that fund, for the benefit of these benevolent institutions, at his discre-Mr. King was opposed to that section of

thorizes the Treasurer to expend \$75,000 of such moneys as may hereafter be placed to

the bill which requires that this money shall be reimbursed. If this special tax moneys is illegally in the treasury it ought not to be replaced. The taxes should be reduced so that the people's burdens may be lightened. that the people's burdens may be But to reimburse this fund will reduction impossible.

The Senate refused to strike

out the sec-The substitute was adopted and the bill passed its final reading, yeas 32, nays 4.

The select committee to which was refer red the bill on mileage and per diem reported in tayor of concurring in the House This bill gives members five dollars a And the Senate concurred, yeas 20.

nays 17.

A bill authorizing an election of the Keeper of the Capitol to-morrow, also authorizing the General Assembly to elect a suitable person to fill vacancy by death or otherwise passed all its readings, yeas 26, navs 2.

Mr. McCotter was granted leave of all sence from and after to-morrow. Senate adjourned till to-morrow

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NIGHT SESSION. MONDAY, Dec. 19, 1870.

The House met at seven and a quarter Speaker in the Chair.

Mr. Dunham's resolution to send a message to the Senate informing that body of the action of the House in relation to im-

peachment was taken up and adopted by On motion of Mr. Broadfoot, the rules on motion of Mr. Broadloot, the late were suspended, and a bill concerning the municipal elections of the town of Fayette-ville was taken up. [Provides that the Sheriff of Cumberland shall register voters and Commissionhold an election for Mayor and Commiers on each 1st of January. The registrar is allowed to challenge. Any person having re-sided in the county 12 menths, and owning

property in Fayetteville allowed to vote.]

Mr. Broadfoot called the previous question on the passage of the bill on its second reading. The call was sustained and the bill passed its second reading by the follow-

YEAS, Messrs. Anderson, Ashe, Atwater, Broadfoot, Clinard, Crawford, Currie, Dickey, Dunham, Furr, Gambrel, Gore, Gullick, Grayson, Gregory, Henderson, Hill, Joyner of Johnson, Jordan, Kelly of Davie, Kelsey, Lassiter, Martin, Marler, Maxwell, McAtee, McCauley, McNeill, Mitchell, Page, Powell, Regan, Scott, Settle, Shull, Smith of Anson. Smith of Wayne, Sparrow, Stanford, Stew art, Strudwick, Waring Welch, Womack-

NAYS, Messrs. Brooks, Bryant of Halfax Bryan of Jones, Bryson, Bunn, Buxton, Caw-thorne, Carson, Chamberlain, Collis, Copeland, Dudley, Duckworth, Ellison, Faulkner, Fletcher, Garrison, Gatling, Goodwyn, Harris of Franklin, Harris of Guilford, Hargrove, Hardy, Jones of Northampton, Justice, Lyon, Mabson, Morris, Morgan of Montgomery, Mills, Newsome, Nisson, Parrott, Philips, Reavis, Robbins, Robinson, Smith of Halifax, Sykes, Tucker, Tomlinson, Willis, Wil ox. York-41.

Mr. Page moved a reconsideration of the rote just taken, and tersely illustrated his motives for the adoption of his motion. Mr. Justice said that he had never seen n instrument of law so shamelessly, vioently and recklessly trampled upon as was the Constitution of North Carolina at the

present time. This bill plainly makes a operty qualification. He favored recon-Mr. Lyon reminded the friends of the bill that, aside from its unconstitutionality, the passage of it would be setting a dangerprecedent. Political ascen by no means permanent. We should look to

he future. Mr. Mills was not satisfied as to the constitutionality of the bill and could not, therefore say anything in its favor. Mr. Ashe was opposed to reconsideration. The bill was not unconstitutional.

Mr. Justice-As the bill provides that a citizen shall be able to show a poll tax re-ceipt before he can deposit his ballot, what, let me ask the gentleman, will be do with old men who are beyond the age taxable? Mr. Ashe—Well, Mr. Speaker, (hesitating) don't know how about that. [Laughter.] Mr. Page resumed the floor and spoke at enght in favor of the motion to rec Mr. Jones, of Caswell, moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table; but was of the opinion that he would not vote for

the bill on its final reading. The motion to table prevailed, Mr. Weich in the Chair. Mr. Page inquired if a motion to lay the bill on the table would be in order. The Speaker pro tem held that as the

previous question was ordered on the sec-ond reading of the bill, it applied to the third reading also!

The bill then passed its final reading. On motion of Mr. Jones, of Caldwell, the ules were suspended, and a resolution providing for the appointment of a Joint Committee to investigate all affairs in con-nection with the University, the pay of the Faculty, condition of buildings, &c., and report, was taken up and adopted. Mr. Mills introduced a resolution revok-

ng certain leaves of absence, &c. Calendar The House then adjourned. TUESDAY, Dec. 20, 1870.

The House met at ten o'clock. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Tucker, of the House Mr. Page obtained leave to change his ote from the affirmative to the negative on the second reading of the Fayetteville bill Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, presented i memorial from certain citizens of North Carolina, in regard to the construction of the Western Division of the Western N. C.

Railroad. Referred. Mr. Sparrow arose to a question of priviege, stating that he was incorrectly report ed in the proceedings of Monday, as saying that in the case of the impeachment of President Johnson, members of the bar were actually employed to aid in conducting the trial. He said that authority to call in members of the bar existed, but that their assistance was never required. Further, that the resolution of Mr. Jarvis, providing for the employment of counsel, specified no number, but left it discretionary with the committee. [In specifying the number of seven the reporter was in error,—Reporter.
Mr. Gregory a resolution giving authority

to the Committee of Managers of Impeach nent to employ a Clerk. Calendar. Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, a resolution providing that the bill of indictment, found by the Grand Jury of Buncombe County against George N. Swepson and Mr. 8. Littlefield, be placed in the hands of the

Governor, that the parties may be apprehended and arrested. Mr. Sykes a resolution in relation to print ing of the rules of the House. [No rules yet having been printed.] Calendar.
On motion of Mr. Gregory, the rules were suspended, and the resolution empowering the Committee of Managers on Impeach

ment to employ a Clerk, was taken up.

Mr. Dudley moved to lay the resolution on the table. Lost. The resolution was then adopted. Mr. Strudwick introduced a resolution proposing that the House as a body accom pany the committee of managers on the part of the House on the subject of impeachment to the Senate chamber, at 11 o'clock.

members of the House in proper order pro-ceeded, with the board, to the Senate Cham-[See proceedings in the Senate.] At 10 minutes before 12, the Conservative members of the House returned, and the House was re-organized for business. A message was received from the Senate with information that that body had passed

rning a convention of the peo-On motion of Mr. Johnston

the bill was ordered to be printed and made special order for Wednesday at 12 o'clock.

[The bill was not read.]

A bill for the relief of John Herton; sheriff of Watauga, was taken up, under suspension of the rules, and Sanate amendments concurred in

On motion of Mr. Joyner, of Johnston, the rules were suspended, and a bill to make failure to work on public toads a misdemeanor, [fine \$5,] was taken up.

Recommitted to committee on counties and townsihps.

On motion of Mr. Ashe, the rules were suspended and a Senate bill concerning In spection for the city of Wilmington was taken up. [Repeals all acts heretofore framed] in relation to spectors, weighers, &c., of

Wilmington.] out "Superior court clerk," wherever the words occur, and inserting "Board of county commissioners." He was opposed to investing the clerk with the power of appointment of inspection, &c., as he, the clerk, was only one man. The Board of Commissioners being constituted of a number of busin men of the city, were more competent to judge of the fitness of a person to act as in-spector or weigher. Rejected. The bill then passed its 2nd and 3rd read-

on motion of Mr. Robinson, the rules were suspended, and a resolution to restrict the Treasurer in purchasing stationery was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Houston the rules were

suspended, and a bill amendatory of an act to incorporate the town of Hickory Tavern was taken up and passed its second and third readings. [Legalizes all acts of the municipal officers.]

On motion of Mr. Lassiter the rules were suspended and a bill to appoint a tax collector for the county of Randolph was taken up and passed its second and third readings.

Allows the County Commissioners to appoint.]
On motion of Mr. Nicholson the rules were suspended and a bill to define the powers and duties of the Commissioners of Îredell county in relation to keeping up certain bridge was taken up and passed

second and third readings.

On motion of Mr. Johnston of Buncombe the resolution providing for the arrest of Littlefield and Swepson was taken up and adopted. On motion of Mr. Jordan, the rules were

suspended, and a House bill creating a com nission to enquire into charges of corruption and fraud was taken up. [Bill provides for a commission of three to investigate im putations of bribery against any and every official of the State, &c., "during the last few years."]
Mr. Strudwick moved to amend the firs ection of the bill by inserting five instead

of three commissioners, Lost.

Mr. Dunham moved to amend the bill by allowing each commissioner \$5 per day, during service. Lost. Mr. Sykes moved to amend by inserting the name of Josiah Turner, Jr., as one of the commissioners, in place of Robert Strange.

The bill then passed its second reading by

a unanimous vote. [The commissioners are David S. Reid, Robert Strange and M. Lanier.]
On motion of Mr. Jordan the House then adjourned to meet again at 74 o'clock, P. M. Note-In the printed report of vesterday morning's proceedings the name of Mr. Har-grove, of Granville, was accidently omitted in the vote on the question of concurring in the report of the committee of the whole on the subject of impeachment. The journal

shows that Mr. H. voted "no." SENATE WEDNESDAY, Dec. 31, 1870.

President in the Chair. Prayer by Senator Norment. Mr. Lehman rose to a question of privilege. The report in the Sentinel misreprechanged his views as before expressed, by voting that to call a Convention by the Leg-islature it required a two-third vote of the General Assembly for the reason that the Constitution is one of limitations of powers, and that while the people are not bound by such limitation in calling a Convention. See Con., Art. 1, Sec. 37, the General Assem-

The Senate met at 10 o'clock.

bly is, see Con. Art. 13, Sec. 1. The bill concerning the Wilmington & Onslow Railroad passed its third reading. A bill for the relief of the North Carolin Railroad Company, passed its third read-

ing.
Mr. Cook introduced a bill in relation to the Library. This bill makes the Librarian annually elected by the General Assembly! On motion of Mr. Albright the Senate sus pended the rules, took up, and passed through its several readings the bill for the relief the Sheriff of Chatham. Ayes 82, nays none. Bill for the relief of the Sheriff of Robeso passed its final reading. Ayes 33, pays none.

A bill for the relief of the tax collector of Cherokee, and of his sureties passed the

third reading. Also, on motion of Mr. Gilmer, a bill for the relief of the Sheriff of Guilford

Also, a bill for the relief of the Sheriff Rockingham.
Mr. Speed, of Pasquotank, called up th bill concerning duck in Currituck, forbid-ding such fowl to be killed by cannon planted on the bank, or by a gun that any holder can't hold in comfort on his shoulder The matter was in some confusion. Two able lawyers had discussed it, but could not come to a conclusion, at least not such that you could trust it. The bill was read again, and then it was read again and passed the

Senate. On motion of Mr. Gilmer, a bill for the relief of the Sheriff of Guilford, passed its several readings. Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to ame section 3d, chapter 122, private laws.
Mr. Olds spoke in opposition to the

and the bill passed. Mr. Troy called up a bill repealing the bill authorizing a special tax in Jones Mr. King did not see the object of the bill. A suit is now pending in the Su preme Court on this very subject.

Mr. Graham opposed the bill, because the authorities of Jones employed a citizen of Orange to build a jail and had never paid him. He was in favor of letting them be taxed awhile. Bill referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Gilmer introduced a bill to amend section 49, chap. 93, laws of '68 and '69.

Mr. McClammy a bill to incorporate the
Wilmington Steamfire Engine Company.

Mr. Bellamy a bill to require the State Treasurer to pay to the County Treasurer of Edgecombe the school money of that Coun-

ty. Referred to Committee on Education. Also, a bill authorizing the County Con nissioners to lay a special tax. Referred. Mr. Lehman, a bill incorporating the town of Jackson under the name of Stonewall. Also, a bill to incorporate Mount Verne Academy.

Mr. Morehead moved to reconsider the

vote by which the bill concerning the special tax in Jones, was referred. A memorial was presented on on the subject setting forth the impoverished condition f the county. Mr. Warren thought if the builder of the jail had no got his pay he has his legal

remedy.

Mr. Graham had no objection to repeal
the tax of 1870, but the tax for 1869 has laid in part for this very outlay. Mr. Jones thought this repeal would ecure the relief sought for. The Senate agreed to reconsider.

not be paid. He knew \$5,000 tax had been

that this act shall not be construed to repeal so much of the law as authorizes the levying of a tax to build a jail.

Mr. King withdrew his substitute.

Amendment lost, ayes 15, nays 21. endment lost, ayes 15, nays 21.
passed its third reading, yeas 2

Mr. King was excused from voting. A message from the House was received announcing the passage of the bill to repeal the corporate limits of the town of Rutherfordton, accompanied by an amendment agreed to by a majority of voters in the town as originally constituted, and asking concurrence.

Mr. Whiteside hoped the Senate would not

Mr. Olds thought that as it was fair to presume that the House had full knowledge of the facts, he was therefore in favor concurrence.

Messrs. Jones and Merrimon spoke in op-osition to concurrence, and Senate refused Mr. Battle and Mr. Cook were granted leave of absence.

Mr. Troy introduced a bill to compel
President and Directors of Railbands to ac-

count to their successrs for all property and effects, on pain of impresonment in the penitentiary. Referred.

Bill concerning debts in municipal corporations, was taken up and passed its 3d reading. Ayes 28, mays, Mr. Hyman.

Bill to prohibit justices of the peace from

Bill to prohibit justices of the peace from procticing law in certain cases, passed its 3rd reading, ayes 30.

Bill concerning reinstating the burnt records of Clay caunty passed its 3d reading.

Bill authorizing the commissioners of Randolph county to appoint a ten collector, passed its 3d reading.

Bill to allow to all the commissioners of Congret to laws a special tax passed.

Orange to levy a special tax passed. Ayes 32, nays, Messrs. Eppes, Hyman and Price.

Mr. Love rose to a question of privilege.

The leading article in the Standard of this morning was a tissue of falsehoods from beginning to end, and totally misrepresented his position. His objection to Mr. Ashley was not that he was a Northern man. Mr. Price asked the Senate to suspend the rules in order that he might introduce a bill. The Senate refused and adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. NIGHT SESSION.

Tursday, December 20, 1870. The House met at 74 o'clock. Mr. Strudwick in the Chair. A Senate bill to provide for the removal of certain suits to adjoining districts, [when the Judge is interested, &c.,] was taken from the calendar and passed its third read

On motion of Mr. Welch, the rules were suspended, and a Senate bill providing for the loan, from the Public Treasury, of two hundred thousand dollars of the special tax fund now therein deposited, for the pur-pose of conducting the State Government, was taken up and passed its second and third readings.
On motion of Mr. Gregory, the rules were suspended, and a Senate bill to extend the

time for collecting and paying over taxes for the county of Martin, was taken up and passed its second and third readings. On motion of Mr. Dunham, the rules were suspended, and a Senate bill in relation to municipal elections was taken up. [Requires a residence of ninety days in the town or city, and ten days in the ward. Fixes the time of cities, except for 1871, in Washington, or

the first Monday in May of each year. Doe not affect Favetteville.] Mr. Sykes moved to postpone the consideration of the bill till the 24th day January, 1871. The bill, if passed, would do great injustice to a very considerable number of our fellow citizens. Its provisions are emi-inently unwarranted and decidedly wrong. Lost.

The bill being on its 2nd reading, Mr. Dunham called the previous question, and call was sustained. Mr. Hargrove, having given notice, moved to amend by striking out so much of the bill as allows voters to be challenged on the day of election. Lost.

Mr. Page having given notice, move to amend by striking out the 4th section.

[Amendment substantially the same as Mr. Hargrove's.] Lost. Mr. Phillips, having given notice, moved to amend by excluding from the provisions of the bill the city of Raleigh. Mr. Sparrow-Mr. Speaker, I hope this amendment will not be adopted. I understand that the citizens of Raleigh do not de-

The Speaker called Mr. Sparrow to order. previous question. Mr. Phillips-It seems extraordinary that this city or county should have any special representatives in this house besides my coleagues and myself. The amendment was rejected.

Mr. Sykes, having given notice, moved to amend by inserting the words "Provided that nothing in this bill shall apply to the towns of Elizabeth City or Oxford." Lost. The bill then passed its 2nd reading. The House then adjourned.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 21, 1870. House met at 10 o'clock. Speaker in the chair. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Mason of the city. Mr. Tomlinson introduced a bill to provide for the better protection of the wool growing interests of the State. [Taxes each

Mr. Johnston, of Buncombe, a bill to au thorize the construction of a turnpike from Malone & Wilson's store in McDowell to Flat Creek in Buncombe county, to be known as the Swannannoa Gap Turnpike.

[Asks no appropriation.] Passed 2nd and 3rd readings under suspension of the rules. On motion of Mr. Smith, of Wayne, the rules were suspended and the House con-

On motion of Mr. Dunbam, the general municipal bill [which passed 2d reading on Tuesday night] was taken up, under suspension of the rules.

The bill being on its final reading, Mr. Dunham called the previous question.

On the call for the previous question, Mr.

Page called for the yeas and navs. Mr. Strudwick insisted that a call for the yeas and nays in such a case 'was clearly out of order, and read from Barclay. Mr. Sykes hoped that as Mr. Strudwick was chairman of the committee to superintend the printing of the rules, he would have them prepared as soon as possible. We have now been in session thirty-one days, and no rules to go by. He would like to know how we were to be governed, &c.
The Speaker ruled the call for the yeas

and nays in order; and the vote resulted in a call for the previous question.

Mr. Page having given notice moved to amend the bill by striking out the provision excepling the towns of Fayetteville and Washington from its provisions. Lost.

Mr. Sparrow, having given notice, moved to amend as follows: "after the word

Washington in the sixth section, insert the words "and G ldsboro," and at the end of the clause insert the following: and all officers who shall be elected in said towns of Washington and Goldshoro, at the election Mr King offered a substitute.

Mr. Dargan favored the bill.

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log one dollar. Money to be used for edu

curred in Senate amendments to a bill amending the charter of Goldsboro.

Mr. Waring a bill to ascertain and determine the rights and interests of the State in the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad, Referred.